UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Douglas Dynamics, LLC, d/b/a/ Western Products,

Plaintiff,

V.

CIVIL ACTION Docket No: 04-cv-11467-MAP

B&P SUPPLY, INC.,

Defendant

PLAINTIFF WESTERN PRODUCTS' ANSWER TO DEFENDANT'S COUNTERCLAIM

Plaintiff Douglas Dynamics, LLC d/b/a Western Products ("Western") hereby answers Defendant B&P Supply, Inc.'s ("B&P's") Counterclaim as follows:

COUNT I

- 1. Western is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of B&P's Counterclaim.
 - 2. Western admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of B&P's Counterclaim.
 - 3. Western admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of B&P's Counterclaim.
- 4. Western admits that B&P is in the business of selling snow and ice removal equipment. Western is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation that B&P sells snow and ice removal equipment throughout the Western New England Eastern New York area and so denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of B&P's Counterclaim.
- 5. Western admits that B&P has purchased snow and ice removal equipment and accessories from Western for resale to consumers since July 1982 and denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of B&P's Counterclaim.

- 6. Western is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of B&P's Counterclaim.
 - 7. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of B&P's Counterclaim.
 - 8. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of B&P's Counterclaim.
 - 9. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of B&P's Counterclaim.
 - 10. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of B&P's Counterclaim.
- 11. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of B&P's Counterclaim. WHEREFORE, Western respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor against B&P on its Counterclaim and award such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

COUNT II

- 12. Western repeats and restates its answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 of B&P's Counterclaim as if fully set forth herein.
 - 13. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of B&P's Counterclaim.
 - 14. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of B&P's Counterclaim.
 - 15. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of B&P's Counterclaim.
 - 16. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of B&P's Counterclaim.
 - 17. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of B&P's Counterclaim.
- 18. Western denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of B&P's Counterclaim. WHEREFORE, Western respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor against B&P on its Counterclaim and award such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

B&P's Counterclaim fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

B&P's equitable claims are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

B&P's claims are barred by the doctrine of estoppel.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

B&P's claims are barred by its own breach of contract.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

B&P failed to plead a cause of action for violations of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1 & 2 and M.G.L. c.

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Dated: April 13, 2005 /s/ Christopher R. Drury

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 13, 2005, I electronically filed Western Products' Answer to Defendant's Counterclaim with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system. I also served a copy of the same, via First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

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